

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

Examiner's Comments

The Examiner asserts that Olsen in different embodiments teaches the claimed limitation of “the physical contact”. In column 7, lines 5-10, Olsen teaches “the programmable computer housing 90 makes physical contact with the computer mouse housing 88 and the device of Figure 7 maintains the portability of the timekeeping and programmable computer component of the pointing device. In column 6, lines 50-60, Olsen teaches that “the programmable computer 86 is a watch similar to the watch device discussed above.” Therefore, Figures 6 and 7 demonstrates a watch device.

Applicant's Response

The above conclusion is contrary to the objects depicted in the figures.

Olsen states that: “FIG. 3 is a block diagram of a computer mouse and watch combination in accordance with the present invention;” (Emphasis added) and that “FIGS. 4A, 4B and 4C are exemplary embodiments of a computer mouse and watch combination in accordance with the present invention;”. (Emphasis added). However, in regard to figures 6 and 7 Olsen teaches that: “FIG. 6 is a block diagram of a computer mouse and a programmable computer in separate housings in accordance with the present invention; and FIG. 7 is an exemplary embodiment of a computer mouse and a programmable computer in separate housings in accordance with the present invention.” Please note that there is no mention of watches in the embodiments of figures 6 and 7.

Examiner's Comments

Figures 6 and 7 along with the meaning of “housing” as taught by Olsen all clearly show the claimed limitation of “support” between “touch sensitive sensors” and “an outer element”. Moreover, in column 6, lines 35-67 and column 7, lines 1-25 of Olsen, it is stated “the programmable computer housing 90 contains the programmable computer components (e.g., the programmable computer 86) ... the programmable computer 86 has a display 104...the computer mouse housing 88 has a saddle 92 for COUPLING the programmable

computer 86 to the computer mouse 84 ... the programmable computer housing 90 makes PHYSICAL CONTACT with the computer mouse housing 88.”

Applicant's Response

If the device being discussed above is not a watch and there is no reference to the embodiments of figures 6 and 7 being a watch, then the above discussion is erroneous. An Applicant to a patent has the right to disclose as many embodiments to the invention that he deems necessary. Not all of the embodiments disclosed by Olsen are watch and mouse combinations. When Olsen refers to a mouse watch combination he identifies that embodiment as such.

Examiner's Comments

Figures 6 and 7 of Olsen teaches among other things the concept of “support”. Therefore, Olsen teaches that the outer element (i.e., the programmable computer housing 90) covers the display means (i.e., display 104), or forms an outer portion (i.e., the programmable computer housing 90 of figure 7) of these display means (i.e., display 104), and the sensitive pads of the touch sensitive sensors (i.e., motion sensors) within the computer mouse 84 are supported at least partially by the outer element (i.e., the programmable computer housing 90 and/or the computer mouse housing 88). As applied to the present application, Olsen fulfills the claimed limitation that the outer element covers the display means or forms an outer portion of these display means, and the sensitive pads of the touch sensitive sensors are supported at least partially by the outer element.

Applicant's Response

Figures 6 and 7 as discussed above only relate to a mouse and not to a mouse and watch combination. Thus, the reliance on such embodiment is contrary to the MPEP and patent law.

Examiner's Comments

Moreover, Applicant argues “In fact, in Olsen's figures 4 and 5, display 60 is separate from the keypads 66 or keys 64. Thus, the cover for the display 60 of Olsen does not at least partially support keypads 66 or keys 64”. Applicant selects certain embodiments of Olsen's

teaching against the claimed limitations. Although Olsen does not describe the embodiment in detail, however, the inherency of “physical contacts between an outer element and sensitive pads with respect to Figures 4 and 5 are self-evident in terms of teachings in other embodiments (e.g., the watch device of Figures 6 and 7, see the examiner assertion set forth in above with respect to Figures 6 and 7).

Applicant's Response

The above argument is not accurate because most keypads are mounted on a circuit board beneath the outer element and pass through clearance holes in the outer element. Thus, there would be no inherency of physical contact between the outer element and sensitive pads.

However, to further distinguish his invention, Applicant has amended claim 1 to read as follows:

“1. (Currently Amended) A watch including display means for at least one item of time related data and having an at least partially transparent outer element covering said display means or forming an outer portion of the display means, said watch including first control means for controlling the movement of a cursor on a computer screen, said first control means being formed of a plurality of touch sensitive sensors with each touch sensitive sensor having a touch sensitive pad being at least partially transparent and whose respective the touch sensitive pads are supported at least partially by said outer element such that the display means is at least partially visible through the touch sensitive pads and the outer element.”

None of the cited references teach or suggest the claimed invention of independent claim 1 which should be allowed. Claim 2 through 18 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and provide additional definition to Applicants invention and should also be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered and the claims be allowed so that a patent may issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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